

### **REMARKS**

This is in full and timely response to the Official Action dated September 19, 2006.  
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

#### **Priority Acknowledgement**

It is noted with appreciation that the initial Action acknowledges receipt of the claim for priority and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents.

#### **Information Disclosure Statement**

The Action was accompanied by an initialed IDS reflecting the examiner's consideration of the art there cited in the ISR at filing.

#### **Claims**

Claims 1 to 10 were presented for the initial examination. Claims 3, 4 and 7 to 10 were indicated on page 4 of the Action to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 were rejected as anticipated by Tateishi, JP 10-302281. Without indicating acquiescence in or agreement with the statement of the rejection, the claims are revised to accept the allowable subject matter.

Specifically, claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and allowable claim 3 so that amended claim 1 is allowable. Claims 5 and 6 are retained as dependent on claim 1 and are thus now allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

Allowable claim 4 is amended to migrate the subject matter of its base claim 1, so that amended claim 4 is also allowable. New claims 11 and 12, corresponding to original claims 5 and 6 are added to be dependent on allowable claim 4, and are thus each allowable.

Allowable claims 7 to 10 are each amended to migrate the subject matter of their base claim 1 so that each of claims 7 to 10 in independent form are allowable.

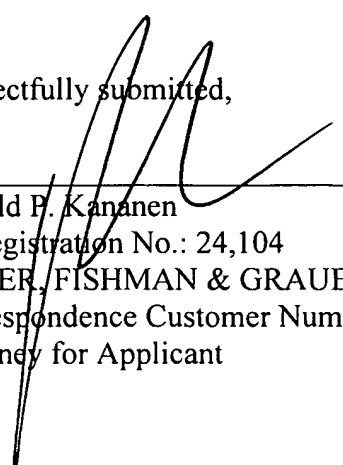
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Thus, the remaining claims 1 and 4 to 12 are allowable; claims 2 and 3 are canceled.  
Early Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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